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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is imported from outside. It is a small quantity. I do not think it is worth while for the Government to undertake importing milk powder directly."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM·—" சென்ற ஆண்டு சர்க்கார் இங்கு நீராக்கடை 10-50
ஏற்படுத்தியதுபோல் ஒரு பால் கடை வைப்பதற்கு யோசிப்பார்களா ? " a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If the hon. Member is prepared to undertake that task, I will consider that suggestion, Sir."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know what happened to the Milk Parlour which was opened in the precincts of the Madras High Court some time back?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Except the fact that it relates to milk, the hon. Member's present supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 166."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" My question does arise from the question relating to the Milk Factory. As such . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are now on the next question."

Irrigation facilities for lands on the right bank of Palampuzha reservoir.

* 166 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 5th December 1953, from the Grama Seva Sangham, Puthupariyaram, South Malabar, regarding irrigation facilities for lands on the right bank of the Malampuzha reservoir; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Employees' strike in Parry & Co., Madras.

* 167 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 500 employees of the Parry & Co., Madras, went on one-day strike on 23rd December 1953;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the strike;

(*c*) whether any conciliation was effected by the Labour Officer between the management of the Parry & Co., and the workers; and

(*d*) if so, with what result?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The manegement of Messrs. Parry & Co. did not concede the demands of the employees.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir.

" (*d*) Conciliation has failed."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that conciliation has failed and the management are not going to concede the demands of workers, will the Government be pleased to refer the demands for adjudication? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government have decided not to send this case for adjudication."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" What is the reason for not sending this case for adjudication? May I know whether it is a fact that whenever a dispute in respect of a European factory or concern arises, the Government are reluctant to refer the case for adjudication? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government felt that the demands were not reasonable and, therefore, refused to send the case for adjudication. With regard to the second half of the question put by the hon. Member, I deny the allegation and insinuation contained therein. I tell the hon. Member through you, Sir, that there are many cases relating to Indian concerns which we have refused to send for adjudication."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMY :—" Is it a fact that a procession was led by some labour leaders shouting slogans such as 'Rajaji *ozhiga* ' ' Krishna Rao *ozhiga* '? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of this and even if it is true, I do not mind it." (Laughter.)

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Hon. the Minister for Labour will be pleased to explain to us how and why the dispute relating to Messrs. Simpson and Co., where the wages are higher than in Messrs. Parry and Co., and where the profits are lower than in Messrs. Parry and Co., was referred for adjudication whereas the Government have refused to refer the dispute relating to Messrs. Parry and Co., who get huge profits but pay low salaries to their employees? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, this question refers to Messrs. Parry and Co. If the hon. Member puts a separate question in respect of Messrs. Simpson and Co., I shall be able to answer it."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Labour is reported to have said in the Upper House that in respect of bonus, dearness allowance, etc., the Government would normally refer the disputes for adjudication. May I

know why in this particular case relating to Messrs. Parry and Co., they refuse to refer the dispute regarding dearness allowance and bonus for adjudication especially when the Company has been making huge profits (in one year) almost equal to the total capital? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am glad the hon. Member has said that normally we had been referring such cases for adjudication. This is not one such normal case."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" பாரி அண்டு கம்பெனி தொழிலாளர்களுடைய கோரிக்கையை தொழிற் கோர்ட்டுக்கு விட அரசாங்கம் மறுக்கிறது. போன பட்ஜட்டின் விவாதத்தின் போது பாரி அண்டு கம்பெனி நான்கு ஆண்டில் ஒரு கோடி 10 லட்ச ரூபாய் சம்பாதித்து இருக்கிறார்கள் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறது. இது மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு தெரிந்தும் கூட பாரி அண்டு கம்பெனி தொழிலாளர் கோரிக்கை தொழில் கோர்ட்டுக்கு அனுப்ப சர்க்கார் ஏன் மறுக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am glad that Messrs. Parry & Co. have taken my friend into their confidence so far as their balance sheets are concerned. I am not aware of it."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is the Hon. Minister not aware of the fact that their balance sheets are published? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I do not look into the balance sheet of every commercial concern in this State."

(Hon. Members Sri S. C. C. Anthony Pillai and Sri M. Palaniyandi rose in their seats to put supplementary questions.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order. I shall call the hon. Members afterwards. Sri Kalyanasundaram."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" ஒவ்வொரு கம்பெனியினுடைய வரவு செலவு கணக்குகளை பார்த்துக்கொண்டிருக்க முடியாது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். பிறகு எந்த அடிப்படையில்அவர்களிடையே சமரச முயற்சி எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said before in this House, the Government felt that a reference for adjudication in the matter of clerical staff of commercial concerns would upset the economic wage level in this City and on that ground alone, we refused to refer this matter for adjudication."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் குமாஸ்தாவிற்கு சம்பளம் உயர்த்தினால் பொருளாதார நிலைமை மந்தப் படும் என்று சொன்னார். மற்ற கம்பெனிகளில் வேலை செய்யும் குமாஸ்தாக் களின் சம்பளம் இதற்கு மேல் அதிகப்படியாக இருப்பதால் பாரி அண்டு கம்பெனி கோடிக்கணக்கான ரூபாய் லாபம் அடைந்திருந்தும் கூட, குமாஸ் தாக்களின் கோரிக்கையைத் தொழில் கோர்ட்டிற்கு அனுப்ப சர்க்கார் ஏன் மறுக்க வேண்டும் ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, there are many companies who pay less than Messrs. Parry & Co., and there are a few companies who pay more also. The Government felt that a reference relating to this particular class of

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employees for adjudication would upset the wage levels. It is a matter of opinion and the Government have a right to exercise that opinion and according to law have done it.''

Sri C. KANDASAMY :—'' ஒவ்வொரு கம்பெனியின் பாலன்ஸ் ஷீட்டை பார்க்கமுடியாது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொன்னார். குறிப்பிட்ட ஒரு கம்பெனியில் தகராறு ஏற்பட்டு தொழிலாளரின் கோரிக்கையை மறுத்ததினால் வேலை நிறுத்தம் ஏற்பட்ட சமயத்திலாவது அந்த கம்பெனியின் பாலன்ஸ்ஷீட்டை பார்க்க வேண்டியது மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய கடமை அல்லவா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? ''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Sir, it is not because a threat of strike is there, but it is because a complaint has been made, that the Government have got to look into it. They have examined the matter and have come to the conclusion I mentioned above.''

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—'' The Hon. the Minister for Labour has been pleased to state that he does not want to refer disputes relating to commercial establishments for adjudication as he does not want to upset the wage structure obtaining in commercial establishments in Madras City. May I know whether (in their reply to the Union) the Government have given this reason for refusal?, I submit that no such reason was given in the communication sent to the Union.''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' I do not have the actual papers with me now. I shall look into them if I have a separate question.''

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—'' Is it the policy of the Government, whenever the question of referring a dispute for adjudication arises, to look into the general condition of the industry and general condition in the State and not of the condition of that particular concern which may be making enormous profits? ''

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' As I said previously, after receiving the conciliation report, the Government take many things into consideration before referring the dispute for adjudication, such as what effect it will have on the general wage level and similar points. There are other reasons also. In this particular case, that was the main reason.''

Supply of water from the Cauvery to Pudukkottai division.

* 168 *Q.*—Sri ANTONY PETER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme to supply water from the Cauvery to Pudukkottai division through a high-level channel; and

(*b*) if so, the area in Manaparai firka that will be benefited by the scheme?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' (*a*) No.

'' (*b*) Does not arise.''